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SUBJECT: CSCE: QRR

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1. EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO QUICKLY INTRODUCE REVISED
QRR TEXT TO FRENCH, BRITISH, AND GERMANS HERE AND
URGENTLY PUSH FOR AGREEMENT. ON BASIS THAT USG DESIRE
IS FOR RAPID RESOLUTION OF MATTER, WE WOULD LIKE TO
ALERT DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDERATION THAT INTRODUCTION OF
REVISION IN BONN MAY, HOWEVER, LEAD TO DELAY RATHER THAN
FAST SOLUTION.

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2. AS WILL BE RECALLED, BRITISH HERE HAVE NEVER WISHED TO DISCUSS CSCE MATTERS AND ONLY RELUCTANTLY ACQUIESCED IN PAST BECAUSE, PARTICULARLY, OF FRG AND FRENCH PRESSURES WHICH HAVE LEFT THEIR RESENTMENTS. UK BONN GROUP OFFICER TOLD EMB OFF SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT BRITISH HERE WERE RECENTLY CONFUSED BY REFERENCE IN FCO MESSAGE TO UK GENEVA TO "BONN GROUP DISCUSSION" OF QRR. BRITISH HERE REQUESTED CLARIFICATION FROM LONDON SINCE IMPLICATION OF FCO MESSAGE WAS THAT QRR SHOULD BE RAISED BY UK IN BONN GROUP. UK REP SAID FCO HAD RESPONDED THAT LONDON IN MESSAGE WAS REFERRING TO REPS IN GENEVA OF BONN GROUP CAPITALS AND LONDON HAS NO INTEREST IN SEEING MATTER PASSED BACK TO BONN. CONSEQUENTLY, OUR EXPECTATION WOULD BE THAT IF QRR WERE RAISED HERE UK WOULD: A) SUGGEST ACTION BE CONTINUED IN GENEVA; B) IF WE PERSISTED, SIMPLY LISTEN AND REPORT TO LONDON, RECOMMENDING MATTER BE MOVED BACK TO GENEVA. WE DOUBT IF UK WOULD QUICKLY ENGAGE HERE IN SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES WITH AIM OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON REVISED TEXT.

3. WITH FRG CSCE DELEGATION LEADER AND MAIN FRG EXPERT ON QRR NOW IN GENEVA (KLAUS BLECH), WE WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND ANYONE IN FRG FAR OFF THOROUGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON QRR. AS WILL BE RECALLED FROM OUR REPORTING CABLES OF DISCUSSIONS HELD HERE LAST FALL, BLECH ALWAYS LED FRG BONN GROUP DELEGATION WHENEVER IMPORTANT QRR MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED. WE BELIEVE THAT ABSENCE FROM BONN OF BLECH WOULD RESULT IN FRG GENERAL DISINCLINATION TO RETURN TO QRR DISCUSSIONS HERE AND, IF THEY NEVERTHELESS WERE HELD, A VERY SLOW PROCESS OF FRG BONN GROUP REPS, REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT TO BLECH IN GENEVA.

4. EMBASSY JUDGMENT IS THAT RAPID PROGRESS ON QRR MORE LIKELY TO BE MADE BY CONTINUING DISCUSSION AMONG THREE POWERS AND FRG IN GENEVA WHERE: A) FRG EXPERTS ARE LOCATED; AND B) UK STRONGLY DESIRES THESE DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD. WE ARE, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO MOVE QUICKLY HERE IF, IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, THERE ARE OVERRIDING

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